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Sam Brownback, Governor

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## Governor Sam Brownback statement on opening of visitor center

**Topeka** – Today, Governor Sam Brownback participated in the ribbon cutting marking the formal opening of the Kansas Capitol Visitor Center, located on the ground floor of the State Capitol. He marked the occasion with this statement:

"It is truly a pleasure to stand here today in this beautiful place that will welcome visitors to the Kansas State Capitol, not just today, but for years to come. An enormous amount of effort has gone into creating a visitor center that truly shares the Kansas experience with guests. This visitor's center is a magnificent gateway to the Capitol. I congratulate the Kansas Historical Society, the architects, construction firm and workers who have created a wonderful facility that allows visitors to see the achievements of Kansas history and the promise of a bright Kansas future.

"The new visitor center celebrates the history of our great state and its people. The map of Kansas permanently built into this floor reflects the commitment of those who came to settle this land and build homes, families and businesses. Just as the limestone we stand on is strong and enduring, so too are Kansans. As you walk through this visitor center, take time to look at the photos along the walls that depict the history of this state we proudly call 'home.'

Today, we celebrate the opening of the Kansas Capitol Visitor Center. It is a fitting entryway to our State Capitol, one of the most beautiful buildings in the entire nation."

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